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Trade with Mexico.

The increase of trade between the United States and the Republic of Mexico, and between this country and the South American States, is an object of desire on the part of the American commercial community and of our Government, which is exerting itself to some extent to promote that end.

In order that correct commercial information be disseminated relative to our trade with foreign countries, the State Department continues to publish the reports of our foreign consuls.

The condition of American trade in northeastern Mexico is set forth in a recent report by Consul Fochet, of Paseo del Norte, from which we compile some facts and figures. According to his report, the principal events of the past fiscal year affecting commercial interests in that quarter were the completion of the Mexican Central Railway to the City of Mexico, and the establishment of a free zone along the border between the United States and Mexico from Matamoras to Nogales. These two events, and the hope for ratification of the reciprocity treaty between the two countries (which finally failed, however), were confidently expected to produce a fresh stimulus, particularly along the Rio Grande border, of which Paseo del Norte is the chief town and the entrepot for the interior of Mexico.

Upon the opening of the Mexican Central, about the first of April of last year, there was a large influx of representatives of leading American commercial houses to the sister Republic, who, drawn in turn in anticipation of the speedy establishment of a reciprocity treaty, visited the principal towns and cities of Mexico, and prepared to actively compete for their trade. No doubt the business was somewhat overdone, and a period of great financial depression, coming on in Mexico, added to the ill success which attended many of the efforts. Last season was one of drought in many of the Mexican States, and there were failures in the crops and serious losses among the herds of the rancheros. The year proved to be a bad one for business—so bad that corn had to be imported from the United States to supply the deficiency caused by failing crops.

It is hoped, however, that the present business year will be an improvement upon the past. The new Mexican administration, which is very friendly to the United States, is expected to exert itself in fostering and developing Mexican interests, frontier customs regulations being materially modified, and many restrictions removed; so that merchants of the United States largely interested in the Mexican trade anticipate that 1885 will prove to be a year of increased commercial activity and greater prosperity.

The demand for American products in Mexico is steadily increasing, but the business in foreign bonds is still extensive. In three and one-half months of 1884, the value of such goods entering Mexico at the port of Paseo del Norte alone was over a million dollars. These goods were entered at bond after transit through the United States, and embrace nearly every class of goods sold to Mexico by our country. Had the reciprocity treaty been adopted, it would, undoubtedly, while operating against the Pacific Coast in some particulars—particularly in the matter of sub-tropical fruits—have had the effect, in a large measure, of driving foreign goods out of the Mexican markets.

The report points out what was to be anticipated, that with the advantages of quick transportation by rail, a trade in Mexican tropical fruits would spring up with the United States. Fruit-cars laden with pine-apples, bananas, lemons, oranges and mangos, are attached to the express trains from the City of Mexico, and, so far, have been consigned mainly to the western cities remote from the Atlantic seaboard, thus coming in direct competition with California fruit shipments.

The latest list of exports from the eastern district of Paseo del Norte to the United States embraces the following articles: Coal, billion, ore, copper, cast iron, horses, mules, burros, dressed beef, hides, barley, corn, vegetables, beans, bran, butter, salt, sugar, beans, wheat, chiles, turnips, hats, feather-work, fish, grapes and other fruits. The exports of these articles to this country amounted in the year ended June 30, 1884, to \$3,764,688, or, less than \$100,000, to \$756,360.

The growth and fluctuation of this trade is shown by the following figures: In 1880—81 the declared Mexican exports (partial list) at Paseo del Norte amounted in value to \$23,501,40; in 1881—82 to \$8,494,06; in 1882—83 to \$2,17,68; in 1883—84 to \$2,64,468.13. The Mexican trade is worth cultivating.

II.

If Bayard goes into the Cabinet, Cleveland will have a good career, as the Delaware statesman is credited with being a famous cook of terpenin, imparting to this epicurean dish a peculiar flavor and delicacy.

If Manning goes into the Cabinet, the machine will have an experienced representative, but fiscal science will meet a stranger.

If Laune goes into the Cabinet, the solid South and Jeff Davis will have an acceptable representative.

If Garland goes into the Cabinet, the Arkansas Traveler will come to the front.

If Vilas goes into the Cabinet, the Northwest and the Union Army will have as fair a representative as the Democracy can supply.

If Thurman goes into the Cabinet (but he won't), it will secure a statesman.

If McDonald goes into the Cabinet (but as won't) Hendricks will be green with envy, and the Democratic party of

the Hoosier State will be split open wider than ever.

If Whitney goes into the Cabinet, the Standard Oil Company will smile an oligarchical smile.

If Jones goes into the Cabinet, he will make a "belly good" Postmaster General, perhaps.

If O'Donovan Ross goes into the Cabinet, dynamite will be the Democratic policy of the future.

If Randall goes into the Cabinet, the pro-pig-iron will be the shibboleth of the new administration.

If Watterson and Carlisle go into the Cabinet, free trade, sailors' rights and the old round will rule the roost.

If Maria Halpin goes into the Cabinet, Mr. Cleveland will take to the woods.

COAST AND STATE.

The pay roll of Standard's 3,000 acre vine ranch amounts to \$5000 per month.

Rare fishing is reported in the Santa Ynez river, Santa Barbara county. The waters seem to be alive with fish, and no trouble to make large catches of eight to 100.

The Gilroy and Hollister sportspersons are out, and cover up to the exclusion of the other, the water-fowl. The papers urge a whole state crusade against them.

Captain Begon, an old Mexican veteran, who raised the first volunteer company in San Juan, on Christmas Eve, 1856, was found a few days ago near the place where he was drowned.

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The San Benito Advance says: Los Angeles, San Francisco, is a great place to live in. In 1880, when we were there, the place was a little city in the country.

The Carson Appeal records the capture by a watchful policeman a few days ago of a poor old rancher, who has been making money by robbing the mail. Others like him hard-work if not a little.

A company has been formed to take water out of the Gila above Florence, Arizona, which is to be used on account of the lack of water.

The San Diego Sun says: San Diego is said to be the prosperous town of 1885. Portland and Seattle were the towns of 1883, and Los Angeles of 1884. It is predicted that San Diego will be the liveliest little city in the country.

The Marysville Democrat deprecates the early blossoming of the fruit trees in that region, and says: "We will undoubtedly have plenty of cold weather yet, and the coming forth of the fruit will be delayed, and the season will be rather unfavorable to a good fruit crop; still, all may be well."

OFTEN-TIMES.

An undeveloped mine—Baby Mine."

"The tie that binds"—a hangman's knot.

The tuxedo man is always "shot in his accounts."

An impudent clerk might be described as a counter-irritant.

"Arose by any other name would smell as sweet," why not plain "got up?"

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